SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Saltash Town Council held in The Guildhall on Thursday 1st May 2014 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors: D Yates (Chairman), R Austin, R Bickford,

J Brady, Mrs G Challen, Mrs J Dent, G Ellison, Mrs H Frank,

M Gee, D Holley, A Killeya, L Russell,

ALSO PRESENT: Reverend G Cryer, P Thistlewaite - CIC Chairman, PCSO L

Smith, 5 Members of the public, 2 Members of the press,

R Lane - Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Councillors: Ms G Donovan, Mrs S Hooper MBE, A Killeya

(Late arrival), W Phillips, J Shepherd.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed those present of the actions required in the event of a fire or emergency.

PRAYERS

Reverend G Cryer – Mayors Chaplain led prayers.

37/14/15 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

- a. Declarations from Members of any registerable (5A of the Interim Code of Conduct) and/or non-registerable (5B) interests in matters to be considered at this meeting.
- b. Declarations from Members of Matters of Public Interest regarding matters to be considered at this meeting
- c. Dispensations required

Councillor	Agenda Item	Pecuniary/Non	Reason
		Pecuniary	
Mrs G Challen	PA14/01908	Non Pecuniary	Friend
Ellison	419/13/14	Pecuniary	Vice Chair Regatta
Austin	PA14/02893	Non Pecuniary	Acquaintance
	PA14/02902	Non Pecuniary	Acquaintance

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Chairman's Report

Wednesday 2nd April Tamar Trotters Junior Athletics Club Presentation

Evening at saltash.net Community School.

Friday 4th April Launch of the new Saltash Town Guide.

Friday 4th April Saltash Town Band AGM.

Saturday 5th April Saltash Heritage Museum Exhibition.

Friday 11th April Charity Fund Raising event for Leukaemia &

Lymphoma Research at Saltash Social Club.

Thursday 17th April Meeting to choose Saltash Citizen Award

recipient.

Saturday 19th April Abbeyfield Cresta Easter Coffee Morning.

Saturday 19th April Birthday celebrations for 4 Fore Street.

Saturday 26th April Opening the green for the Saltash Bowls Club.

Saturday 26th April Mayor's Ball.

Deputy Mayor attended:

Thursday 17th April St. Anne's Easter Bonnet Competition.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

POLICE REPORT

a. Police Report

Total crime committed in Saltash since the last meeting on the 3rd April 2014 is 47

Included in these are:

17 Thefts

14 Assaults

6 Criminal Damage

I am pleased to report that during the 2013 – 2014 financial year Saltash saw a 9.7% reduction in overall crime, this exceeded the forces target of a 2% reduction.

Victim based crimes such as burglaries, vehicle offences, robbery and other thefts have all been reduced. Shoplifting, public order and violent crime were the main areas of increase.

The reduction in crime has been a partnership approach and I would like to thank all our partner agencies and the Council for their continued help and support.

Events of note

The Neighbourhood Team will be at the May Fare on the 3rd May. The team will be promoting the Special Constabulary, giving out crime prevention advice and generally interacting with the public.

The Neighbourhood Team have arranged a litter pick for the children during the school holidays at the end of May. Two areas will be targeted during the day and the children will receive a treat for their efforts. This is proven to help build positive relations between the children and the police.

Matters arising from previous meeting

The police have seen a drop in Anti Social Behaviour around the Tamar Estate and will continue to conduct foot patrols and interact with the residents.

A Problem Solving Plan was raised for Wentworth Way. Police have increased patrols in the area, completed a letter drop, promoting the Neighbourhood team and Crimestoppers and completed a walk around with the local Housing Authority identifying areas of improvement. All of these actions has had positive effect on the community which has seen a reduction in calls to the police.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

REPORT BY SALTASH GATEWAY COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY (CIC)

a. Receive Report and consider any actions arising

Saltash Gateway CIC Report For May 2014

I am sorry this report could not be sent out earlier, but our monthly Directors' meeting only took place last night.

Overview

All our enterprises seem to be thriving. Use of the Hopper bus is increasing gradually; Saltash Cards are being issued regularly (with people benefiting from lower road fuel prices in particular); the Community Market is experiencing more interest from new stallholders, a daily greengrocer is establishing himself outside, and feedback has been good; our drive to encourage volunteering is in full swing now; and we are quietly pegging away at links with the NHS which are developing now after their organisational changes.

We appreciated prompt assistance from the Town Council in making repairs after a small fire damaged the fence at the back of 4 Fore Street. CAB building

We have not been able to start work on drafting the business proposal which the Town Council asked us to handle at its last meeting. We are awaiting necessary information from Cornwall Council officers.

CIC Website www.communityenterprisespl12.co.uk

The new website is about to go live this week, ready for promotion with a new leaflet at the May Fair. Do come to the stall on Saturday.

Please make a point too of looking at the new website. One aim is to make it easier for the public to access our enterprises, and also to become a CIC member. I'd like to recommend that all Town Council Members and Officers should join: CIC members can be instrumental in appointing or dismissing Directors, and in setting policy and direction. Numbers of members are growing, but we now want that to turn into some real public engagement in our enterprises and decision-making. Town councillors are in an ideally informed position to exercise this role.

General Meeting for CIC Members on May 21 at 6pm

To reinforce the above, and to make a final resolution to amend our Memorandum of Association (draft already seen by Town Councillors), all CIC members are being invited to meet Directors informally from 6-7pm at the Small Hall, Wesley Church. There will be information on all our enterprises, opportunity to speak to Directors, and we will be explaining, and gathering views on, the changes to the Mem & Arts. This will be followed by a short General Meeting of Directors with Members.

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

38/14/15 CORNWALL COUNCIL REPORT

CNA re Cornish Minority Status

The Government made a submission to the Council of Europe later this year to update the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities which is designed to protect and promote cultural diversity. Cornwall Council has been proactively engaging with the Government, including working on a paper regarding the status of the Cornish as a national minority, to inform their submission prior to it being released for consultation. It is with surprise and delight that we understand the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Danny Alexander announced that the Government will fully recognise the Cornish as a national minority under the Framework Convention for Protection of National Minorities. Being recognised as a national minority will mean that the Cornish will be afforded the same protections as the Welsh, Scottish and the Irish. This means that Government departments and public bodies will be required to take our views into account when making decisions. Three previous attempts to include the Cornish in the Framework Convention were unsuccessful.

Inclusion in the Convention will:

Recognise the distinctiveness of the Cornish and enhance the United Kingdom's reputation as a country that celebrates and supports the diversity of its inhabitants.

Further the economic interests, not just of Cornwall, but of the United Kingdom as a whole.

Help strengthen the confidence of our young people that they are encouraged to identify with their cultural identity, and that this is valued by the rest of the country.

Help strengthen the 'Cornish' brand and provide a mechanism whereby the Cornish can establish and strengthen links with other groups accorded similar status across Europe and around the world.

Create stronger links between communities and a greater understanding of shared values to help create more vibrant communities than can shape their own future.

National minority status will not initially bring any additional funding or powers to the Council or to Cornwall. We will need to work with partners to make this clear to people in Cornwall. However, there are obviously significant benefits for Cornwall in being included within the Framework Convention which is worth celebrating.

CORMAC Highways Manager

Councillors are advised that the Highways position that Rebecca Dixon held (CORMAC's contact for South East Cornwall) was taken over by Rob Constance. Rob has now left this position and the new Manager is Adrian Drake

CNA

The CNA has been working on the Economy in SE Cornwall and Members are talking to various officers to see how we can support the economy from CC perspective. We are looking at ways we can get involved with Plymouth City Deal, how we can continue to support the Waterways project for encouraging the use of water taxis from Saltash to Plymouth.

Cornwall Councillors Community Grants 2014-15

This scheme is continuing from May and Members have been allocated £2,100 each to help Community Organisations. If any organisation wishes to apply, the first point of contact is the Cornwall Council member for the ward the organisation works from. port for noting or matters arising

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

39/14/15 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public as owner of the Railway Station Building enquired why he had not received a response to plans relating to the refurbishment of the building he had submitted to the council.

Councillor Bickford replied that any response from the council at this stage would be prejudicial to any future planning application received by the council.

40/14/15 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 3rd April 2014 and 15th April 2014 were confirmed and signed as a correct record

Councillor Killeya joined the meeting.

41/14/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was noted that a planning application had not been received relating to issues with the Oriental Buffet Restaurant.

42/14/15 **FINANCE**:

a. To advise the following receipts in:

i. March 2014

Guildhall hire	931.54	
Cornwall Council	22696.00	S106 grant payments
Cormac Solutions	748.80	Footpath grant
Cornwall Council	500.00	Councillor Grant re
		consultant support for SNP

ii. April 2014

Guildhall hire	546.68	
St Stephens PCC	880.00	Burial fees March 2014
Trailer hire	50.00	
Saltash Lions	840.00	Donation re purchase of
		a
		defibrillator for the town

b. To advise the following payments in:

i. March 2014

Alpha Flags	93.30	85.80	Flags
Ltd			
Austin R	160.00		Councillor - allowance
BNP Paribas	513.84		Photocopier lease
	428.20		
Caradon	400.00		Community Chest grant
Swimming			
Club			
CC Pensions	702.17		
CC Pensions	657.18		
Chris Wells	55.00		Repairs to talking bench
Consortium	318.46	283.70	Stationery/cleaning
			materials

Cormac Ltd	332.52	277.10	Road closure	
Cormac Ltd	84.00	70.00	Traffic management	
			course – two delegates	
Cormac Ltd	1396.72	1163.94	Commercial cleaning	
			services – Waterside PC	
Cormac Ltd	3570.00	2975.00	Commercial cleaning	
			services - Guildhall	
Councillor	32.30		Travel expenses re	
expenses			conference	
Councillor	8.00		Travel expenses re	
Expenses			conference	

DCK Beavers	222.00	185.00	Accounting services
Deltor	559.00		Town Messenger
Dent J	160.00		Councillor-
			allowance
EDF	26.00	24.76	Christmas lights
EDF	17.00	16.19	Christmas lights SP3
EDF	23.00	21.90	Christmas lights SP2
EDF	22.00	20.95	Christmas lights
EDF	18.00	17.14	Christmas lights
EDF	19.00	18.09	Christmas lights SP4

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IRQ Systems Ltd	142.79	118.99	IT Maintenance & Broadband
Jackman Peckover	379.83	316.15	Repairs
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Killeya A	160.00		Councillor – Allowance
Mayoral	270.00		
Allowance			
Otis Ltd	529.24	441.04	Lift Maintenance
Phillips W	160.00		Councillor – Allowance
Powerline	398.83	332.36	Annual maintenance -
Systems			Alarm system
Russell L	160.00		Councillor – Allowance
S Libby	4560.00	3800.00	Maurice Huggins Room
Builders			 internal decoration
S Libby	958.80	800.00	Maurice Huggins Room
Builders			
Saltash	937.50		Town App
Gateway CIC			
Saltash Lions	1298.00		Festival Fund grant
Saltash Town	600.00		Community Chest grant
Band			
Saltash	135.00		Windows/Bus shelters
Window			cleaning
Cleaning			
Savills	1.00		Lease – Oyster beds
Shepherd J	160.00		Councillor – Allowance
Staff	25.60		Travel expenses re CPD
expenses			
Staff Salaries	7790.02		
TAVATA	45.00		Annual membership
TAVATA	200.00		Donation – TAVATA Leaflets
UK Fuels Ltd	0.60	0.50	Card Fee
WCE Ltd	25.20	21.00	Staff uniforms

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Outlook SW	93.80	Refund -	Cancelled
		Guildhall hire	
Petty cash	97.65		

c. Urgent and essential works actioned by the Clerk under Financial Regulation 3.4 of the Town Council's Standing Orders

None.

d. Bank reconciliations up to 31st March 2014 were reviewed as correct by the Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee and the Town Clerk

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

43/14/15 PLANNING:

- a. It was noted that Cornwall Councillors will vote upon the information before them at this meeting but in the light of subsequent information received at Cornwall Council, Councillors may vote differently at that meeting.
- b. It was noted that in the event that the Cornwall Council officer wishes to recommend opposite to the Town Council's view they will contact the Town Council by email. In light of time constraints the Town Council will then hold an online poll of Councillors to determine whether to accept the officers' view or to ask for the application to be called into committee. The results of these polls will be read into the record at the next town council meeting. Members of the public may request, via the clerk, to be copied into any correspondence.
- c. Applications for consideration:

PA13/11397

A Murton – 1 The Barn, Longlands Lane, Burraton Coombe Conversion of derelict cottage into 1 bed dwelling.

Ward: West

Date received: 14.04.2014

It was resolved to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

Councillor Mrs G Challen declared a non pecuniary interest in the next item and left the meeting.

PA14/01908

D Bennetts – 28 Long Park Road

Adjusted roof profile and dormers added to create first floor accommodation.

Ward: South

Date received: 14.04.2014

It was resolved to **DEFER** the application until the next planning

meeting.

Councillor Mrs G Challen was invited and returned to the meeting.

PA14/02823

D Sedley – 5 Ashburgh Parc, Latchbrook Construction of rear single storey extension.

Ward: West

Date received: 14.04.2014

It was resolved to RECOMMEND APPROVAL

PA14/02893

Mr & Mrs A Horton, Courtvollard Estates Ltd – Court Vollard Farm, Trematon

Alterations and reconstruction of existing extension to former office building to dwelling (currently under construction) and replacement of existing septic tank and associated works.

Ward: West

Date received: 17.04.2014

It was resolved to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

PA14/02902

Mr & Mrs A Horton, Courtvollard Estates Ltd – Court Vollard Farm, Trematon

Alterations to existing former office building consented for 2 dwellings (currently under conversion) including replacing existing septic tank and associated works.

Ward: West

Date received: 17.04.2014

It was resolved to RECOMMEND APPROVAL

PA14/03074

Mr and Mrs J Mills – 15 Ashburgh Parc, Latchbrook

Single storey extension to provide enlarged kitchen, utility room, shower room and sitting room and provision of storage area behind garage with gates to boundary.

Ward: West

Date received: 14.04.2014

It was resolved to RECOMMEND APPROVAL and that Cornwall Council Planning Department be informed that once again plans were not available on the web site and those that were, were of poor quality.

- d. Tree applications/notifications:
- i. Applications
- ii. NotificationsLand south of Fairway, St StephensConfirmation of Order (modified)

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

d. Decisions taken by Cornwall Council where the decisions reached were contrary to the recommendations made at the Town Council meeting or a poll taken:

PA14/00736 - 4 Hillside Avenue

On 18.02.2014 STC sent this decision: It was resolved to RECOMMEND REFUSAL due to the extension and raised decking overlooking neighbour's property

On 12.03.2014 Cornwall Council sent an email requesting further comments and a poll was set up.

(a) Stick with our original position and request call-in - 6 votes
 (b) Accept the officer's position - 4 votes
 (c) Abstain - 0 votes

The planning officer's email of 21.03.2014 informed STC that she had visited the site and will be recommending refusal.

Cornwall Council decision: REFUSED

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

44/14/15 CONSIDERATION OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS

None

45/14/15 SALTASH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

a. Update

The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held on Monday and that members of the steering group would be staffing a stall at the Mayfair and conducting a survey to consider an overview of highways related to new developments.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report

46/14/15 To approve the Annual Return

It was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman

47/14/15 Aged Debtors Report - to consider recommendation to write off (deferred from 3rd April 2014)

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Aged debts to the value of £824.28 be written off.
- 2. A list of the aged debtors be kept and that future booking requests received from them be subject to consideration by full council.

48/14/15 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

Staffing Committee 15th April 2014

The minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 15th April 2014 were confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to:

Minute 10/14/15.

a. 3. **RECOMMENDED** to read **RESOLVED**.

b.1. To read "The Deputy Macebearer be appointed to the position of Macebearer and that the vacant post of Deputy Macebearer be advertised for appointment and the post and contract be regularised"

49/14/15 Churchtown Farm Allotments – Phase 2

To consider quotation to install water supply at Churchtown Cemetery allotments

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the installation of a water supply up to the value of £2000 from the Burial Board EMF.

50/14/15 To consider funding application from STIG

Members considered a funding application to the value of £4923.06 for directional signage, a summer arts festival and project management.

(Copy of funding application on file)

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the funding application to the S106 panel.

51/14/15 Roadside Parking Review –Avery Way, Beatrice Avenue, Burraton Road, Essa Road

Members considered traffic and parking related issues relating to the town centre and outlying areas.

It was **RESOLVED** that a working party to be Chaired by Councillor Brady be established consisting of a least one member of each ward

52/14/15 Social Media

Members received the notes of the Social Media Review Meeting (copy on file) and a meeting report from Councillor Killeya.

It was **RESOLVED** that the review meeting recommendations be approved and revised Social Media Policy recommendations be adopted.

53/14/15 Saltash Regatta – Crew for Five Towns race.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Bickford be Captain and select a crew.

54/14/15 CORRESPONDENCE

a. B Reid, Festive Lights Committee Christmas Lights

9 Vincent Way Saltash

11th April 2014

Reference Christmas Lights

Dear Ray and Councillors,

It is with regret that I am resigning as Chairman of the Saltash Festive Lights committee. I have been doing this since 1991 and feel that now is the time to call it a day.

All of the other committee members are in agreement that now is the correct time for the Town Council to take back responsibility for the Towns lighting displays.

The Festive Lights committee has always worked tirelessly to raise funding to improve the Saltash display whilst the Town Council has generously taken responsibility for replacing older existing lighting.

As such, when handed over, we request that the transferred balance is ring-fenced for procurement of new enhanced lighting by the Town Council and not subsumed into the Councils general fund for the maintenance / replacement of existing lighting.

The Festive Lights committee's account stands at a very respectable £5,562.26 and we would welcome confirmation that the Council are prepared to meet this request?

In addition, the 6 cross-sections that are installed and removed every year are currently stored in a neighbour's garage and these would need to be relocated.

On behalf of the committee, I thank the Council for their support over the years and look forward to seeing the displays developing for many years to come.

Kind Regards

Bruce Reid

It was **RESOLVED** that the council take over responsibility for the festive lights through the Services Committee and the Mayor thank the committee for all their hardwork over the years.

b. St Nicholas & St Faith Parish Church Organ Restoration Project

St Nicholas & Faith Parish Church Alexanrdra Square Saltash PL12 6AN

Team Rector: Rev Canon Alan Butler The Rectory, St Stephens Road, Saltash Pt.21.

Tel No: 01752 842323



Brian Davies 82,Liskeard Road Saltash Cornwall PL12. 4HG

7th March 2014

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Dear Town Mayor



St Nicholas and St Faith Church - Organ Restoration Project

I wonder if the Council would like to make a donation towards the restoration of organ in St Nicholas & Faith Church being the Civic Church for the Council.

Our church is very proud to have a long track record for promoting musical excellence. I am writing to you about our current project which entails restoration works to the pipe organ.

The organ is Victorian and the National Pipe Organ Institute Register by William Hill of London, records that it was built prior to 1886 when it was first serviced by Hele & Co Ltd. It has since been well cared for and regularly serviced, but now needs major restoration. It was last overhauled by Hele & Co Ltd in 1975.

The congregation of St Nicholas & St Faith together with a wider interest group in the community have come together to fund raise and share a strong desire to see the organ back in excellent condition.

The restored organ will bring many community benefits. It will not only be used for church services and organ recitals, but exceptionally this will give young people the chance to learn to play the organ to exam standard. This sort of commitment is relatively rare within a community such as ours in Cornwall and we hope underlines our intentions. Ours is a firm commitment to widen the accessibility to all for this type of music. It is the intention for the church to hold a wider variety of concerts choral as well as organ recitals.

Grants received

Viscount Lennox & Viscountess Alice Boyd

£2000

Sir Carew Pole

£1000

Private Donations

£2000

Church Fund Raising Events

£10.000

The total money to restore the organ is £40,000.

Yours sincerely

BW Daw.

Brian Davies (Hon Treasurer & Fund Raiser for the PCC)

It was **RESOLVED** that the applicant be informed to submit a Community Chest application for consideration.

c. Cornwall Council

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Members considered a response to the Cornwall Council Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (copy on file).

It was **RESOLVED** that ward members will discuss the issue with their Cornwall Councillors and submit responses to the Mayor for submission of the completed document.

However if no agreement is made the item will be further considered by members at the meeting to be held on 5th June 2014.

55/14/15 MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

a. Arrangements for future meetings

The Chairman informed members that due to Mayfair there would be no meeting on Saturday 3rd May 2014 in Fore Street however he requested any members at the Mayfair also attend the Neighbourhood Plan Stall to conduct a meet your councillors.

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

56/14/15 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, it was **RESOLVED** that the press/public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business.

57/14/15 CONSIDER ANY ITEMS REFERRED FROM THE MAIN PART OF THE AGENDA

58/14/15 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

It was **RESOLVED** that the public and press be re-admitted to the Meeting.

59/14/15 <u>URGENT NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN</u>

1. TO APPOINT A REPLACEMENT CO-CHAIRMAN TO STIG

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Austin be elected.

Councillor Bickford extended thanks on behalf of the Council to Councillor Killeya for all his hard work in the creation and work of Stig.

2. Service of Welcome for the new Superintendent of the Saltash Methodist Circuit

The Chairman informed members of an invitation to attend the Service of Welcome for the new Superintendent of the Saltash Methodist Circuit, the Revd Jonathan Budd, and his family at Saltash Wesley Methodist Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday August 31st 2014.

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

3. Town and Parish Council and Voluntary Sector Summit

The Chairman informed members of the Town and Parish Council and Voluntary Sector Summit taking place on Tuesday 13 May 2014 at New County Hall, Council Chamber, Truro.

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

4. The Consultation Burraton, New Road - Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) Bus Infrastructure (Region East)

The Chairman informed members that the Consultation Burraton, New Road - Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) Bus Infrastructure (Region East) has now been published on Consultation Finder.

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

60/14/15 PRESS RELEASES AND FUTURE ARTICLES REQUIRED

None

61/14/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 8th May 2014 (Mayor Choosing) at 7.00pm Tuesday 20th May 2014 (Planning only) at 5.30pm Thursday 5th June 2014 at 7.00pm

62/14/15 <u>COMMON SEAL</u>

It was **RESOLVED** that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to all Deeds and Documents necessary to give effect to the foregoing Acts and Proceedings.

Rising at 8.55 pm.			
	Signed:	Chairman	
	Dated:	5 th June 2014	